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31. Process in accordance with claim 21
characterized by the fact that,
data from a job executed are compared with specified job
data and that from discrepancies correction factors for
optimizing operating sequences are determined.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 16, 1999, has been received and carefully reviewed. By the above amendment, Applicant has amended the specification and claims to reflect the amendments made to the application during international preliminary examination. It is believed that these amendments address each of the issues raised in the subject Office Action.

The specification has been objected to for lacking an Abstract of the Disclosure. By the above amendment, Applicant has added an Abstract of the Disclosure to the application.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. By the above amendment, claim 1 has been rewritten as independent claim 21, and the language that was identified as unclear in original claim 1 has been changed. It is believed that claim 21 is sufficiently definite and, as indicated in the International Preliminary Examination Report, allowable over the prior art of record.

Wherefore examination and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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